

January 6, 2014 8:30 A.M.

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Frank Emory, Chairman
Mike Haddock, Vice-Chairman
Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner
Joe Wiggins, Commissioner
Zack Koonce, III, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Franky J. Howard, County Manager
Jimmie B. Hicks, County Attorney
Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board
Melissa Moore-Freeman, Finance Officer

The Chairman called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. A **MOTION** was made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be approved with the following addition:

14. YOUNG MARINES

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of December 2, 2013, be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Janet Baker, citizen of the Town of Maysville, stated that she was displeased with the county police officers (deputies). Mrs. Baker stated that she witnessed an arrest and people should be treated as humans and that there is no need to tase a person after they have been apprehended. The Commissioners stated that there was nothing we could do about the Sheriff’s Office staff. Mrs. Baker stated if he’s not doing right then someone should be able to do something. People should be treated as humans, not dogs, and the suspect was being kicked. Mrs. Baker reminded the board that the election was coming. She also stated that there are cameras in the cars and there should be no he said she said. She also stated that they were the rudest cops she had ever seen in her life. The Commissioners asked if the Maysville Police Officers were involved in this incident and she said yes and they are being handled.

Tammy Melton, citizen, stated that she dialed the Sheriff’s Office and got a recording and could not get through to a person. She stated that her call was not returned and she had to dial 911. She thought someone was supposed to answer the phones at the Sheriff’s Office for non emergency calls twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. She would like to see the 911 system move back to Jones County.

1. NC EASTERN REGION LOAN PAYOFF

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the Resolution of the County Commissioners of Jones County approving the payoff of the existing economic development loan through NC’s Eastern Region be approved. A copy of this resolution is marked Exhibit A and is hereby incorporated by

reference and made a part of these minutes. The loan payoff amount is \$181,600.67 and will be paid using Revolving Loan Funds.

2. REQUEST FOR DISBURSEMENT – JONES COUNTY’S DMV FUNDS

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joe Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the Resolution of Request to Disburse Jones County’s Net Share of Funds from North Carolina’s Eastern Region be approved, a copy of which is marked Exhibit B and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes. This will allow Jones County to receive our share of the motor vehicle registration tax proceeds as well as payments made by the county in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$174,311.96. The funds will be used for economic development purposes.

3. LOAN APPLICATION – NORTH CAROLINA’S EASTERN REGION

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Resolution of the County Commissioners of Jones County Authorizing the Filing of an Application to Borrow Trust Funds from the North Carolina’s Eastern Region be approved, a copy of which is marked Exhibit C and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

4. CDBG MONTHLY REPORTS

The CDBG Monthly Reports were presented to the board for informational purposes only.

5. CDBG FAIR HOUSING PLAN

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Fair Housing Plan be approved as presented. This plan is required as long as the County has a CDBG Grant.

6. DOT UPDATE – NC41 AND SR1002

Mr. Howard updated the Board on the progress made in regards to the citizen complaint about the dangerous intersection of NC41 and SR1002. The DOT has determined there is significantly more traffic on NC41 than SR1002 (2,000 cars vs. 700 cars). There is already work scheduled for this road and they will include removal of the medians. There will initially be a four way stop at this intersection and once work is completed the stop signs will be removed on NC41 and traffic will be forced to stop on SR1002 instead of NC41. This should eliminate the wrecks at this intersection for failure to stop on NC41 at the stop sign.

7. TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT – NOVEMBER

Mr. Howard presented the November Tax Collections Report showing a total collection of \$2,414,942.52 (41.39%).

8. BUILDING INSPECTIONS PERMIT FEE ADDITION – SOLAR PANELS

There was discussion about the lack of a fee for solar panels on the inspections fee schedule. A customer requested a permit and the minimum permit fee was issued as no other fee was pertinent to solar panels. Craven County’s fee schedule was presented as

there are few fee schedules that have been updated with fees for solar panels. The Board felt this fee was too high and requested additional schedules be obtained for comparison.

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** this item be **TABLED**.

9. TOWN OF MAYSVILLE – STRAY DOGS

Mr. Howard presented information to the Board in reference to a citizen complaint addressed at a previous Town of Maysville Board Meeting. Judy Briggs expressed concerns over some stray dogs that were in Maysville that were suffering due to malnutrition. Mrs. Briggs would like to see consideration of an animal control facility for Jones County. The Jones County Commissioners expressed their concerns that the cost for this would not be something that Jones County could sustain. No action was taken on this item.

10. INVOICE – SUMRELL, SUGG, CARMICHAEL, HICKS & HART, P.A.

MOTION made by Frank Emory, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** an invoice for services rendered by Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks & Hart, P.A. be approved for payment using legal services funds as follows:

General Legal	\$745.35
2011 CDBG Catalyst	\$3,659.00
Jones Co. HMGP Buyout Program	\$695.75
Economic Development Commission	\$1,900.12

11. WASTE INDUSTRIES – CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT

MOTION made by Frank Emory, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Consent to Assignment for Waste Industries be approved. This is necessary due to the fact that Onslow Container Service (OCS) was bought out by Waste Industries and therefore Waste Industries will now serve Jones County.

12. CLOSED SESSION UNDER NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4)

MOTION made by Frank Emory, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go into closed session.

13. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES CONCERNS

Sondra Ipock-Riggs had concerns about DSS but informed the Board that Thelma Simmons, DSS Director, would handle this situation.

14. YOUNG MARINES

Cliff Bennett, Young Marines Commander, was present to inform the Board and the public about the Young Marines Program in Jones County. This is a nonprofit program to help the youth of Jones County. This year they are trying to get to Paris Island but will need to raise \$8,000 for the trip. Mr. Bennett would like a proclamation of support from the Jones County Board of Commissioners for this program. The Board consensus was for a proclamation to be drafted for review and adoption at the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Buddy Weatherington requested an answer from the Board on the issue he brought to their attention in August concerning the Fire Fighters Relief Funds. Mr. Weatherington explained there was miscommunication and their department did not receive funds from the State for the Fire Fighters Relief Fund. Mrs. Moore-Freeman, Finance Officer, explained that paperwork was not received timely from Pollocksville Fire Department. **MOTION** made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** this item be **TABLED**.

Lois Simpson, citizen, expressed concerns over a black grave cemetery in Maysville. Ms. Simpson stated that the C&D Landfill was on top of some of these graves. Ms. Simpson also stated that the Maysville Town Board continued to have meetings when their parking lot was in bad shape. She also stated that the farmers market for Jones County was a farce and more than one person was needed to work the market.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Sondra Ipock-Riggs -

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs addressed the tobacco buyout issues that were addressed at previous meetings. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs would like to send a letter to the President of the United States and our governor.

Zack Koonce -

Mr. Koonce informed the Board about a citizen complaint regarding Lenoir County dispatch. Mr. Howard will check into this matter.

Mr. Koonce expressed his concerns over the vehicle that the Senior Center is using to deliver meals. He would like to see the possibility of purchasing a new vehicle discussed during the upcoming budget process.

Mike Haddock -

Mr. Haddock requested that the Board go into Closed Session under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter.

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Frank Emory
Chairman

Jennifer King
Clerk to the Board

EXHIBIT A

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JONES COUNTY

WHEREAS, Jones County has an existing economic development loan through the North Carolina's Eastern Region; and

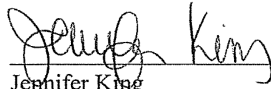
WHEREAS, the aforesaid loan has a principle balance of \$176,014.06 and interest of \$5,425.28 for a payoff amount of \$181,600.67; and

WHEREAS, repayment of the aforesaid loan will result in the disbursement from the North Carolina's Eastern Region of Jones County's share of the MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX PROCEEDS, which are to be used only for economic development; and

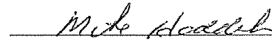
WHEREAS, disbursed funds are to be placed in the Jones County Revolving Loan Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jones County Board of Commissioners approves payment to North Carolina's Eastern Region in the payoff amount from the Jones County Revolving Loan Fund.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of January, 2014



Jennifer King
Clerk to the Board



Mike Haddock
Chairman, Board of Commissioners



EXHIBIT B

RESOLUTION OF REQUEST TO DISBURSE JONES COUNTY'S NET SHARE OF FUNDS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S EASTERN REGION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly passed G.S. 158-42, AN ACT TO ALLOW A COUNTY FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S EASTERN REGION TO RECEIVE A DISBURSEMENT OF ITS SHARE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX PROCEEDS AS WELL AS PAYMENTS MADE BY THE COUNTY IN LIEU OF TAXES; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pat McCrory has signed the bill into law; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of a resolution adopted by the Jones County Board of Commissioners, North Carolina's Eastern Region shall disburse to the County its net share of the motor vehicle registration tax proceeds placed in trust under this section; and


WHEREAS, a participating county's net share of the motor vehicle registration tax proceeds is the total amount in the trust fund attributable to that county less the total amount of outstanding loans from North Carolina's Eastern Region to the county and less any amount attributable to an appropriation made to North Carolina's Eastern Region by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, funds disbursed under this subsection may be used only for economic development purposes, including the provision of land, buildings, facilities, programs, information and data systems, or infrastructure required to promote business or industry in the county; and

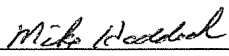
WHEREAS, Jones County's share of those funds is approximately \$174,311.96.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jones County Board of Commissioners requests that North Carolina's Eastern Region disburse Jones County's share of motor vehicle registration tax proceeds to the County for economic development use.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of January, 2014



Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board



Chairman, Board of Commissioners



EXHIBIT C

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JONES COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION TO BORROW TRUST FUNDS FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA'S EASTERN REGION

WHEREAS, Jones County is within the North Carolina's Eastern Region as established by N.C.G.S. 158-30 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Jones County is the beneficial owner of a certain share of the trust funds collected within the North Carolina's Eastern Region and administered by the North Carolina's Eastern Region Development Commission; and

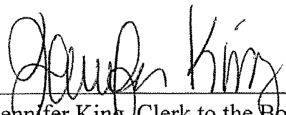
WHEREAS, Jones County desires to submit an application for loan from trust funds administered by the North Carolina's Eastern Region in the amount of \$ 576,923.08 with a one time, one percent (1%) fee in the amount of \$ 5,769.23 and zero (0) percent interest for a period of 59 months; and

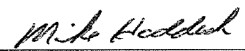
WHEREAS, these funds are designated only for economic development purposes, including the provision of land, buildings, facilities, programs, information and data systems, or infrastructure required to promote business or industry in the county; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be placed in the Jones Count Revolving Loan Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jones County Board of Commissioners approves the filing of an application to borrow Trust Funds from the North Carolina's Eastern Region.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of January, 2014


Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board


Mike Haddock
Chairman Board of Commissioners

